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NONFARM SALARIED JOBS OVER 7 MILLION MARK

Jobless Rate Takes Seasonal Dip

The number of unemployed Texans declined by close to 27,000 between November and December in the actual (not seasonally adjusted) series. The December actual unemployment rate for the State was 6.5 percent, down from 6.8 percent in November but up from a year ago [see **Graph** on page 3]. There were an estimated 556,700 Texans looking for work in mid-December, while total employment rose slightly over the month to a level of 7,964,800. Estimates from the Current Population Survey indicate that there were 295,300 Agricultural workers in Texas in mid-December.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate rose slightly between November and December. The 7.2 percent registered in mid-December was up from 7.0 percent for November and also above the 6.6 percent recorded a year earlier. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate was also up over the month, from 5.9 percent in November to 6.1 percent in December—considerably above the December 1989 rate of 5.3 percent. The actual rate for the Nation also rose slightly over the month, from 5.8 percent to 5.9 percent. In this series, too, the current rate was well above the 5.1 percent of a year earlier.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Remain Above 7 Million

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs increased by 7,800 between November and December. **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** remained well above the seven million mark which was reached in November 1990 for the first time. The December total was 7,022,200. This figure was up 117,500 from one year ago.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** increased by 9,800 over the month. At 6,059,500, this was up by 124,100 from December 1989. The most significant advance occurred in **Wholesale and Retail Trade** which increased by 10,200 jobs. Retail Trade reported a 10,000 gain over the month as it reached its annual peak due to seasonal hiring for the holiday rush period. Within Retail Trade, the largest increases

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Dec.'90	Nov. '90	Dec.'89
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	124,630.0	124,822.0	123,998.0
Unemployment	7,343.0	7,211.0	6,300.0
Percent Unemployed	5.9%	5.8%	5.1%
Total Employment	117,287.0	117,611.0	117,698.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	125,174.0	124,616.0	124,546.0
Unemployment	7,600.0	7,355.0	6,658.0
Percent Unemployed	6.1%	5.9%	5.3%
Total Employment	117,574.0	117,261.0	117,888.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,521.5	8,524.4	8,391.8
Unemployment	556.7	583.1	490.2
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.8%	5.8%
Total Employment	7,964.8	7,941.3	7,901.6
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,562.0	8,470.0	8,423.0
Unemployment	617.0	592.0	557.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	7.0%	6.6%
Total Employment	7,945.0	7,878.0	7,866.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✦
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Dec.'90*	Nov.'90**	Dec.'89**	Dec.'90*	Nov.'90**	Dec.'89**	Dec.'90*	Nov.'90**	Dec.'89**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,200	52,300	52,400	96,000	96,000	96,300	433,500	435,200	429,700
Total Unemployment	3,000	3,300	2,800	4,900	4,800	4,500	20,200	20,800	18,900
Percent Unemployed	5.7%	6.3%	5.3%	5.1%	5.0%	4.7%	4.7%	4.8%	4.4%
Total Employment ++	49,200	49,000	49,600	91,100	91,200	91,800	413,300	414,400	410,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	167,100	167,200	162,400	87,500	87,500	85,000	110,100	109,500	104,800
Total Unemployment	12,100	12,800	12,100	5,100	5,200	5,000	14,600	14,400	10,900
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	7.7%	7.5%	5.8%	5.9%	5.9%	13.3%	13.2%	10.4%
Total Employment ++	155,000	154,400	150,300	82,500	82,300	80,000	95,500	95,100	93,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	63,400	63,100	62,000	162,900	162,400	156,700	1,454.3	1,456.3	1,442.2
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,000	2,200	13,000	13,900	11,000	78.2	83.3	66.8
Percent Unemployed	3.6%	3.2%	3.5%	8.0%	8.6%	7.0%	5.4%	5.7%	4.6%
Total Employment ++	61,100	61,100	59,800	149,900	148,500	145,700	1,376.1	1,373.0	1,375.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	258,300	260,000	250,700	736,800	736,300	722,200	109,400	110,200	106,500
Total Unemployment	28,700	31,400	23,800	41,900	44,600	35,000	8,500	8,800	7,200
Percent Unemployed	11.1%	12.1%	9.5%	5.7%	6.1%	4.8%	7.8%	8.0%	6.8%
Total Employment ++	229,600	228,600	226,900	694,900	691,700	687,200	100,900	101,400	99,300
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,723.7	1,718.5	1,685.4	98,000	98,900	97,000	55,200	54,600	54,100
Total Unemployment	93.9	97.8	81.6	7,500	8,000	6,400	6,700	6,400	6,100
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.7%	4.8%	7.7%	8.1%	6.6%	12.1%	11.7%	11.3%
Total Employment ++	1,629.8	1,620.7	1,603.8	90,500	90,900	90,600	48,500	48,200	48,000
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,600	79,900	80,200	116,500	116,800	115,400	174,200	173,000	164,600
Total Unemployment	5,700	6,100	5,600	5,400	6,100	5,000	35,900	36,800	27,600
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	7.6%	7.0%	4.6%	5.2%	4.3%	20.6%	21.3%	16.8%
Total Employment ++	73,900	73,800	74,600	111,100	110,700	110,400	138,300	136,200	137,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,300	49,200	49,400	51,900	51,700	51,200	43,500	43,800	44,800
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,600	2,600	2,800	2,800	3,200	613,000	2,500	2,400
Percent Unemployed	4.9%	5.3%	5.3%	5.4%	5.4%	6.3%	47,100	5.7%	5.4%
Total Employment ++	46,900	46,600	46,800	49,100	48,900	48,000	58,200	41,300	42,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	613,000	615,500	609,200	47,100	47,200	47,100	58,200	58,200	58,700
Total Unemployment	43,700	47,400	39,100	2,800	3,000	2,600	3,800	4,000	3,400
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	7.7%	6.4%	5.9%	6.4%	5.5%	6.5%	6.9%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	569,300	568,100	570,100	44,300	44,200	44,500	54,400	54,200	55,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,500	75,200	75,100	35,900	35,700	35,800	95,000	95,400	93,600
Total Unemployment	5,100	5,300	4,200	1,800	1,700	1,700	5,400	6,100	4,800
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	7.0%	5.6%	5.0%	4.8%	4.7%	5.7%	6.4%	5.1%
Total Employment ++	70,400	69,900	70,900	34,100	34,000	34,100	89,600	89,300	88,800
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,300	56,300	56,300				8,521.5	8,524.4	8,391.8
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,800	3,000				556.7	583.1	490.2
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.7%	5.3%				6.5%	6.8%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	52,700	52,500	53,300				7,964.8	7,941.3	7,901.6

✦ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
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were found in General Merchandise Stores, up by 5,300, and in Apparel and Accessory Stores, which rose by 4,300. Losses within Retail Trade were seen in Eating and Drinking Places, down by 1,900 (although up by 10,000 over the year). A decline of 700 occurred in Automotive Dealers and Service Stations.

Transportation and Public Utilities increased over the month by 1,300. At 420,700 jobs, this was up 13,800 from one year ago. Transportation, other than Railroads, reporting an over-the-month increase of 1,200, was also up by 12,900 from December '89. Trucking experienced a seasonal increase for those companies hauling cotton to processing mills. Water Transportation jumped up because of increased marine cargo handling. The largest decrease in Other Transportation appeared in Transportation by Air, down 300 from November. Some airlines cited increased fuel costs due to the Middle East situation as one reason for the loss of 300 jobs in December.

Mining increased by 800, seen mostly in Oil and Gas Extraction, due to increased drilling activity.

Services, overall, rose by 700 from November. At 1,677,300 jobs, this was up 36,500 from December '89. The largest increase, of 3,600, occurred in Health Services. Nursing and Personal Care Facilities increased due to the addition of several extended care facilities. Hospitals and Home Health Care Services added additional staff as complete health care facilities were in demand. The largest decrease in Services was reported in Educational Services, as the usual seasonal decline in educational institutions was brought about by the holiday break between semesters.

Construction was up by 400 over the month, and up by 11,000 over the year. There were an estimated 326,300 jobs in December 1990.

The largest loss in Nonmanufacturing was in **Government**, which was down by 3,300 from November. State Government fell by 2,900, but employment in that sector was still 15,500 above the December '89 level. The over-the-month decrease was mainly in state schools and colleges.

Manufacturing lost 2,000 jobs over the month. The total of 962,700 was down 6,600 from one year ago. **Durable Goods** showed the largest loss, down 1,800 from November. Within Durables there were several declines, the largest of which was in Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment. A shutdown by a manufacturer of electric lighting and

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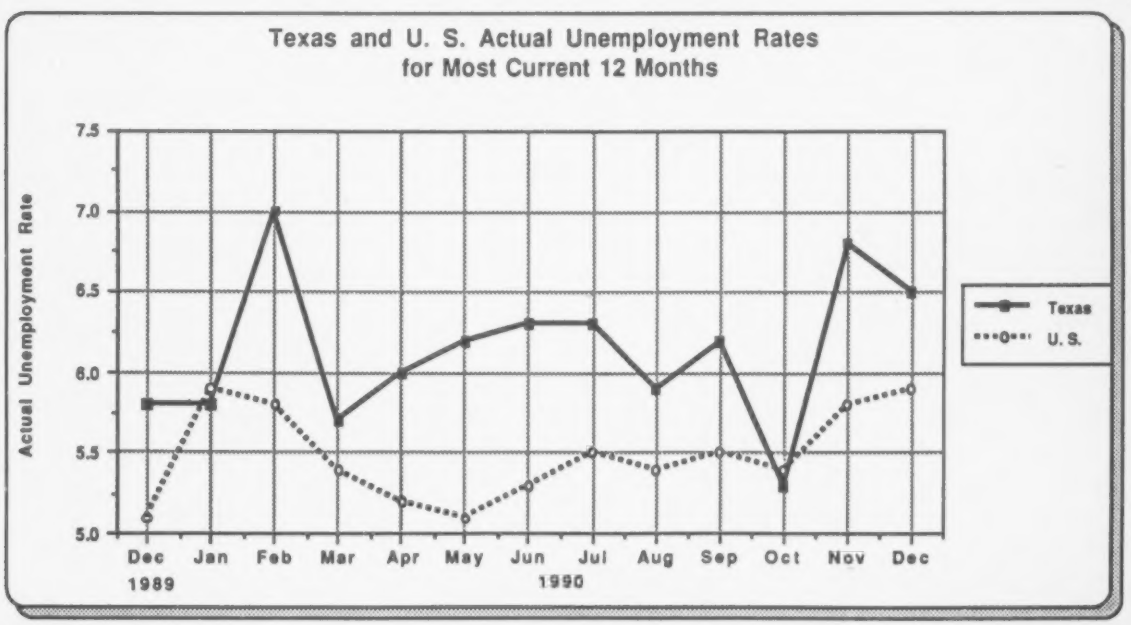

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Dec. '90*	Nov. '90**	Dec. '89**	Chg. from Nov. '90	Chg. from Dec. '89
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**7,022,200**	**7,014,400**	**6,904,700**	**7,800**	**117,500**
MANUFACTURING	**962,700**	**964,700**	**969,300**	**-2,000**	**-6,600**
Durable Goods	**545,600**	**547,400**	**554,400**	**-1,800**	**-8,800**
Lumber & Wood Products	30,800	30,700	29,900	100	900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,100	7,100	6,800	0	300
Furniture & Fixtures	15,900	16,200	16,800	-300	-900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	34,400	34,700	36,600	-300	-2,200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,400	14,800	15,900	-400	-1,500
Primary Metal Industries	29,200	29,200	28,900	0	300
Fabricated Metal Industries	79,500	79,400	77,700	100	1,800
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	38,000	38,100	37,400	-100	600
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	107,900	108,200	105,300	-300	2,600
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	25,500	25,400	23,200	100	2,300
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	101,800	102,400	106,500	-600	-4,700
Transportation Equipment	94,360	94,500	100,500	-200	-6,200
Aircraft & Parts	68,700	68,800	72,900	-100	-4,200
Instruments & Related Prod.	36,400	36,400	36,700	0	-300
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,400	15,700	15,500	-300	-100
Nondurable Goods	**417,100**	**417,300**	**414,900**	**-200**	**2,200**
Food & Kindred Products	100,800	100,400	97,900	400	2,900
Meat Products	30,500	30,400	29,500	100	1,000
Dairy Products	4,000	4,100	4,100	-100	-100
Bakery Products	9,800	9,800	10,200	0	-400
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,200	3,100	100	200
Textile Mill Products	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	-200
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	52,900	53,400	56,600	-500	-3,700
Paper & Allied Products	24,800	24,700	25,000	100	-200
Printing & Publishing	72,500	72,700	73,100	-200	-600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,200	34,600	34,700	-400	-500
Chemicals & Allied Products	84,700	84,400	81,300	300	3,400
Petroleum & Coal Products	29,800	29,700	28,600	100	1,200
Petroleum Refining	26,500	26,400	25,400	100	1,100
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	40,600	40,900	40,500	-300	100
Leather & Leather Products	7,100	7,200	7,800	-100	-700
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**6,059,500**	**6,049,700**	**5,935,400**	**9,800**	**124,100**
Mining	**182,700**	**181,900**	**174,600**	**800**	**8,100**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,700	9,600	9,800	100	-100
Oil & Gas Extraction	173,000	172,300	164,800	700	8,200
Construction	**326,300**	**325,900**	**315,300**	**400**	**11,000**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**420,700**	**419,400**	**406,900**	**1,300**	**13,800**
Railroad Transportation	18,600	18,600	19,800	0	-1,200
Other Transportation	237,300	236,100	224,400	1,200	12,900
Transportation by Air	76,200	76,500	69,200	-300	7,000
Communications	86,900	87,000	85,600	-100	1,300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,900	77,700	77,100	200	800
Electric Services	40,500	40,500	40,500	0	0
Gas Production & Distribution	27,700	27,600	27,700	100	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,730,200**	**1,720,000**	**1,719,900**	**10,200**	**10,300**
Wholesale Trade	428,100	427,900	427,000	200	1,100
Retail Trade	1,302,100	1,292,100	1,292,900	10,000	9,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	42,200	41,700	42,200	500	0
General Merchandise Stores	190,600	185,300	189,400	5,300	1,200
Food Stores	228,400	227,100	228,200	1,300	200
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	136,800	137,500	136,000	-700	800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	88,800	84,500	89,600	4,300	-800
Eating & Drinking Places	427,600	429,500	417,600	-1,900	10,000
Other Retail Trade	187,700	186,500	189,900	1,200	-2,200
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**430,500**	**430,800**	**431,800**	**-300**	**-1,300**
Depository Insts., Incl. Banks	131,200	131,500	134,100	-300	-2,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	142,400	142,300	140,500	100	1,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	156,900	157,000	157,200	-100	-300
Services	**1,677,300**	**1,676,600**	**1,640,800**	**700**	**36,500**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,200	84,500	85,600	-300	-1,400
Personal Services	81,200	80,400	77,600	800	3,600
Business & Repair Services	419,000	419,500	414,900	-500	4,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	72,400	72,500	74,800	-100	-2,400
Health Services	476,700	473,100	453,200	3,600	23,500
Educational Services	83,500	85,100	84,100	-1,600	-600
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	149,900	150,400	146,900	-500	3,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	310,400	311,100	303,700	-700	6,700
Total Government	**1,291,800**	**1,295,100**	**1,246,100**	**-3,300**	**45,700**
Federal Government	200,500	200,800	205,700	-300	-5,200
State Government	268,900	271,800	253,400	-2,900	15,500
Local Government	822,400	822,500	787,000	-100	35,400

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
	DEC.'90*	NOV. '90**	DEC.'89**	DEC.'90*	NOV. '90**	DEC.'89**	DEC.'90*	NOV. '90**	DEC.'89**	DEC.'90*	NOV. '90**	DEC.'89**
TOTAL	49,100	49,100	49,000	77,200	77,200	77,000	372,400	373,800	368,400	143,000	142,400	137,200
Manufacturing	4,500	4,500	4,900	9,200	9,100	9,100	45,600	46,000	45,500	25,300	25,400	24,700
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,100	700	600	700	1,700	1,700	1,500
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,400	3,300	3,400	3,400	10,700	10,900	10,800	11,800	11,700	10,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600	5,700	5,700	5,700	11,400	11,300	11,300	9,700	9,700	9,500
Trade	13,500	13,500	13,500	21,800	21,700	22,400	79,500	78,800	80,600	33,500	33,300	32,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,200	2,200	2,200	3,900	3,900	4,000	23,600	23,600	23,900	5,400	5,400	5,300
Services & Misc.	14,200	14,200	14,000	17,500	17,400	17,000	93,600	94,000	91,300	34,200	33,900	31,900
Government	8,900	8,900	8,900	14,800	15,000	14,300	107,300	108,600	104,300	21,400	21,300	21,200

	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	65,800	65,400	63,100	76,400	76,100	74,900	55,200	55,500	53,400	133,300	132,800	128,700
Manufacturing	16,700	16,800	16,100	10,700	10,600	10,800	3,500	3,600	3,700	12,500	12,300	11,400
Mining	2,100	2,000	2,000	—	—	—	500	500	500	3,600	3,600	3,500
Construction	9,200	9,200	8,500	2,200	2,200	2,100	1,300	1,400	1,300	11,300	11,300	10,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	3,200	3,100	3,200	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,800	6,900	6,800
Trade	12,100	11,900	11,700	20,400	20,200	20,400	11,900	12,000	11,800	31,900	32,000	31,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,700	3,800	3,800	1,700	1,700	1,800	6,300	6,200	6,400
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,100	8,800	18,300	18,300	17,400	9,600	9,500	8,900	31,300	30,800	30,300
Government	12,000	12,000	11,600	17,900	17,900	17,200	25,200	25,300	23,900	29,600	29,500	28,400

	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,376.0	1,374.4	1,367.2	210,100	209,100	206,900	581,800	580,300	571,200	74,800	75,200	73,400
Manufacturing	218.2	219.5	223.2	41,500	41,300	40,900	118,100	118,600	120,000	8,600	8,700	8,900
Mining	17.2	17.2	17.1	—	—	—	4,200	4,100	4,100	700	800	500
Construction	46.1	46.3	45.8	8,100	8,100	8,000	20,200	20,300	21,100	6,100	6,200	6,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	80.8	80.7	80.2	10,500	10,500	10,300	57,100	57,000	53,700	5,100	5,200	4,700
Trade	369.0	365.8	358.2	54,000	53,400	53,500	148,700	147,700	146,700	13,900	13,800	13,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.3	126.1	130.1	8,300	8,500	8,400	27,500	27,500	27,900	4,400	4,400	4,400
Services & Misc.	353.5	353.6	352.5	43,000	42,700	41,900	128,200	127,100	123,800	13,500	13,800	13,400
Government	164.9	165.2	160.1	44,700	44,800	43,900	79,800	80,000	73,900	22,500	22,500	21,700

	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,576.2	1,569.4	1,536.6	73,400	73,700	74,000	45,000	45,000	44,200	68,800	68,500	68,300
Manufacturing	166.3	166.2	163.2	9,100	9,000	8,800	1,800	1,900	1,800	16,000	15,700	16,200
Mining	70.7	70.2	67.0	—	—	—	1,700	1,700	1,800	3,400	3,400	3,400
Construction	100.1	101.1	98.5	2,700	2,800	2,900	1,300	1,300	1,400	3,300	3,400	3,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	109.1	108.1	108.5	2,400	2,500	2,700	6,200	6,100	6,200	3,300	3,300	3,300
Trade	381.8	378.4	379.8	16,100	16,200	17,100	14,500	14,500	14,300	17,300	17,200	17,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	102.1	102.8	101.3	3,200	3,200	3,100	1,900	1,900	1,800	2,600	2,600	2,700
Services & Misc.	437.3	436.9	420.7	17,200	17,200	17,500	7,500	7,500	7,400	13,900	13,900	13,300
Government	209.0	208.9	199.8	22,700	22,800	21,900	10,100	10,100	9,700	9,000	9,000	8,700

	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	98,800	98,500	97,800	102,800	102,300	101,800	45,500	45,400	44,900	43,800	43,900	42,800
Manufacturing	7,100	7,100	7,400	13,500	13,800	13,400	2,400	2,400	2,300	4,100	4,100	4,100
Mining	200	200	300	900	900	900	9,000	8,900	8,700	5,300	5,400	5,200
Construction	3,300	3,200	3,100	4,400	4,500	4,300	1,300	1,400	1,300	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	6,000	5,900	5,700	3,100	3,000	3,100	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	29,200	28,500	28,500	32,100	31,700	32,800	11,300	11,200	11,100	13,200	13,000	12,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,200	5,300	5,400	4,200	4,400	4,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	23,800	24,100	23,900	17,500	17,000	16,800	9,600	9,600	9,600	7,800	8,000	7,500
Government	24,000	24,200	23,500	27,100	27,000	26,100	7,200	7,200	7,200	8,000	8,000	7,700

	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,000	36,400	36,800	521,400	520,000	518,100	37,000	37,300	37,400	46,600	46,600	46,100
Manufacturing	4,800	5,000	5,400	45,700	45,600	46,700	10,700	10,700	11,000	7,200	7,200	7,300
Mining	500	600	600	2,300	2,200	2,200	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,100	21,400	21,200	21,000	1,600	1,700	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,700	19,800	19,800	19,500	1,300	1,300	1,500	2,400	2,400	2,400
Trade	8,900	8,900	9,000	135,800	134,300	131,900	8,200	8,300	8,200	11,000	10,700	11,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,700	40,100	40,200	41,300	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,700	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	8,900	132,700	133,800	132,800	8,800	8,900	8,800	11,000	11,100	10,500
Government	7,600	7,700	7,400	123,600	122,900	120,700	4,500	4,500	4,400	11,800	11,700	13,100

	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	62,500	62,300	61,900	28,300	27,900	28,200	83,400	83,100	81,700	50,800	50,400	50,700
Manufacturing	10,800	10,900	10,700	3,100	3,100	3,100	16,300	16,100	15,700	7,800	7,900	8,500
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,400	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,400
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,700	3,000	2,900	2,800	1,600	1,600	1,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,900	2,700	1,300	1,300	1,200	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,600	2,600	2,500
Trade	16,700	16,500	16,700	7,600	7,600	7,600	19,100	18,800	19,100	12,300	12,000	12,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	5,000	5,100	5,100	2,200	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	15,500	15,300	15,000	6,000	5,900	5,900	23,100	23,200	22,500	12,700	12,800	12,600
Government	9,900	9,900	9,900	5,500	5,400	5,800	13,400	13,500	13,000	10,000	10,000	9,700

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* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	DEC.'90*	NOV.'90	DEC.'89	DEC.'90*	NOV.'90	DEC.'89	DEC.'90*	NOV.'90	DEC.'89
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 455.82	$ 447.32	$ 439.30	42.6	42.2	42.2	$ 10.70	$10.60	$10.41
Durable Goods	447.26	436.96	441.76	42.8	42.3	42.6	10.45	10.33	10.37
Lumber & Wood Products	318.00	317.46	310.55	42.8	42.9	42.6	7.43	7.40	7.29
Furniture & Fixtures	271.10	279.35	283.01	38.4	39.4	40.2	7.06	7.09	7.04
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	428.96	420.85	410.61	43.2	42.9	42.2	9.93	9.81	9.73
Primary Metal Industries	513.71	526.12	488.68	44.4	44.7	43.4	11.57	11.77	11.26
Fabricated Metal Products	438.37	417.41	407.39	45.1	43.3	43.9	9.72	9.64	9.28
Machinery, exc. Electric	456.93	447.55	432.48	43.6	43.2	42.4	10.48	10.36	10.20
Oil Field Machinery	561.63	575.19	543.72	48.5	49.5	46.0	11.58	11.62	11.82
Electric & Electronic Equip.	471.09	471.09	516.77	41.0	41.8	43.1	11.49	11.27	11.99
Transportation Equipment	557.44	522.97	563.64	41.6	39.8	42.7	13.40	13.14	13.20
Instruments & Related Prod.	421.10	412.90	404.89	41.9	40.8	41.4	10.05	10.12	9.78
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	315.59	317.01	301.36	41.8	42.1	39.6	7.55	7.53	7.61
Nondurable Goods	465.98	458.22	436.18	42.4	42.0	41.7	10.99	10.91	10.46
Food & Kindred Products	378.89	377.14	353.62	43.5	43.3	41.7	8.71	8.71	8.48
Meat Products	278.83	271.35	268.94	42.7	42.2	40.2	6.53	6.43	6.69
Malt Beverages	908.17	960.33	895.56	48.8	50.2	48.2	18.61	19.13	18.58
Textile Mill Products	337.69	318.20	332.99	42.8	40.9	43.7	7.89	7.78	7.62
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	208.00	210.29	207.05	36.3	36.7	38.7	5.73	5.73	5.35
Paper & Allied Products	500.83	490.56	520.52	44.4	43.8	45.5	11.28	11.20	11.44
Printing & Publishing	457.18	434.03	414.40	41.6	40.3	40.0	10.99	10.77	10.36
Chemicals & Allied Products	725.45	720.84	709.25	44.1	43.9	43.7	16.45	16.42	16.23
Petroleum & Coal Products	844.51	835.46	739.91	49.3	48.8	45.9	17.13	17.12	16.12
Petroleum Refining	877.92	871.33	770.33	49.6	49.2	46.1	17.70	17.71	16.71
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	390.82	379.44	374.18	41.4	40.8	41.3	9.44	9.30	9.06
Leather & Leather Products	265.20	268.71	243.96	39.7	40.9	38.0	6.68	6.57	6.42
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	646.41	645.81	558.11	47.6	46.9	41.9	13.58	13.77	13.32
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	639.90	647.68	558.45	54.0	52.7	45.7	11.85	12.29	12.22
Oil & Gas Extraction	645.74	645.89	557.86	47.1	46.5	41.6	13.71	13.89	13.41
Communications	542.74	538.46	507.76	40.9	40.7	39.7	13.27	13.23	12.79
Elec., Gas & San. Services	588.12	570.10	511.60	43.5	42.8	40.7	13.52	13.32	12.57
Wholesale & Retail Trade	246.26	239.25	241.36	33.1	32.2	33.2	7.44	7.43	7.27
Wholesale Trade	437.26	424.00	417.78	40.3	39.7	39.6	10.85	10.68	10.55
Retail Trade	190.65	184.80	188.74	31.0	30.0	31.3	6.15	6.16	6.03
General Merchandise Stores	192.74	183.87	198.49	31.7	29.8	32.7	6.08	6.17	6.07
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	336.18	307.93	282.33	39.0	36.1	37.1	8.62	8.53	7.61

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 453.02	$ 432.85	$ 460.71	42.9	41.5	43.3	$ 10.56	$ 10.43	$ 10.64
Durable Goods	477.83	453.53	496.81	43.4	41.8	44.2	11.01	10.85	11.24
Nondurable Goods	412.72	398.11	400.98	42.2	41.0	41.9	9.78	9.71	9.57
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	472.65	457.81	461.34	41.1	40.3	41.6	11.50	11.36	11.09
Durable Goods	498.08	480.76	483.21	41.3	40.4	41.8	12.06	11.90	11.56
Nondurable Goods	416.15	407.82	412.82	40.6	40.1	41.2	10.25	10.17	10.02
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	557.32	551.37	530.74	45.2	44.9	44.6	12.33	12.28	11.90
Durable Goods	472.48	470.08	454.27	45.3	45.2	44.8	10.43	10.40	10.14
Nondurable Goods	661.17	650.71	628.70	45.1	44.6	44.4	14.66	14.59	14.16
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	321.18	316.40	311.08	40.4	40.0	41.7	7.95	7.91	7.46
Durable Goods	339.90	333.34	329.64	41.1	40.8	40.2	8.27	8.17	8.20
Nondurable Goods	302.51	298.72	293.94	39.7	39.1	43.1	7.62	7.64	6.82

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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wiring equipment contributed to this decline. Other losses in Durables were reported in Furniture and Fixtures, in Stone, Clay and Glass Products, in Industrial Machinery and Equipment, and in Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, all down by 300 over the month. The only gains seen in Durables occurred in Lumber and Wood Products and in Fabricated Metal Industries, both up by 100.

Nondurable Goods, overall, lost 200 jobs from November. Small gains in Food and Kindred Products and in Chemicals and Allied Products were more than offset by small, scattered decreases. The largest loss occurred in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products, which was down by 500 from November.

Average Weekly Earnings Rise

For the estimated 627,300 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings increased by ten cents an hour over the month and Average Weekly Hours were up by four-tenths of an hour, pushing Average Weekly Earnings upward by $8.50 from November.

In mid-December a worker, on average, was earning $10.70 per hour for a 42.6-hour week, and making $455.82 in weekly earnings. Durable Goods reported a rise of $10.30 in Average Weekly Earnings over the month, while Nondurables rose by $7.76 in December.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	Dec.'90	Dec.'89
Total Population	17,209,100*	17,055,200*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	1.6
UI Covered Employers	318,352	312,596
Total Claims Actions	575,375	544,778
Total Initial Claims Actions	70,834	66,176
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	504,541	478,602
Total Placements	23,100	25,677
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$159.08	$154.27
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$61,715,333	$55,598,087

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
FOURTH QUARTER 1990 (OCT.-DEC.)

Abilene	$1,189,428
Amarillo	1,497,352
Austin	6,797,334
Beaumont-Port Arthur	4,065,939
Brazoria	1,639,374
Brownsville-Harlingen	3,437,763
Bryan-College Station	539,931
Corpus Christi	4,425,488
Dallas	33,956,882
El Paso	8,461,854
Fort Worth-Arlington	19,083,566
Galveston-Texas City	3,361,722
Houston	35,198,817
Killeen-Temple	1,816,340
Laredo	1,123,292
Longview-Marshall	1,921,509
Lubbock	1,465,156
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	6,173,701
Midland	849,216
Odessa	761,444
San Angelo	647,890
San Antonio	13,393,931
Sherman-Denison	980,222
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	567,788
Tyler	2,075,960
Victoria	475,040
Waco	2,217,381
Wichita Falls	1,262,369

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